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SHB 1951 Vision Screening  
Presentation to State Board of Health  
December 7, 2005

# Purpose of the Presentation today

- Provide an update on the process required by SHB1951
- Identify how the legislative requirements are being met
- Identify next steps in the process

# Overview of Passage of SHB1951

- Legislative intent: importance of vision screening to detect disorders that affect a child's ability to learn
- History of the bill
- Department of Health Role

# What does SHB1951 say?

- Directs DOH to convene a workgroup
- Directs DOH to consult with 4 entities to develop recommendations
- Identifies specific issues to consider:

## Timeline for SHB 1951

- Implementation began July 1
- A preliminary report is due December 1
- A final report and recommendations are due December 1, 2006

# Current Legal Authority for Vision Screening

- RCW 28A.210 Health—Screening & Requirements
- WAC 246-760 Auditory and Visual Standards—School Districts

# Meeting Legislative Requirements

- An expert work group was formed
- A preliminary report has been developed

# Accomplishments to Date

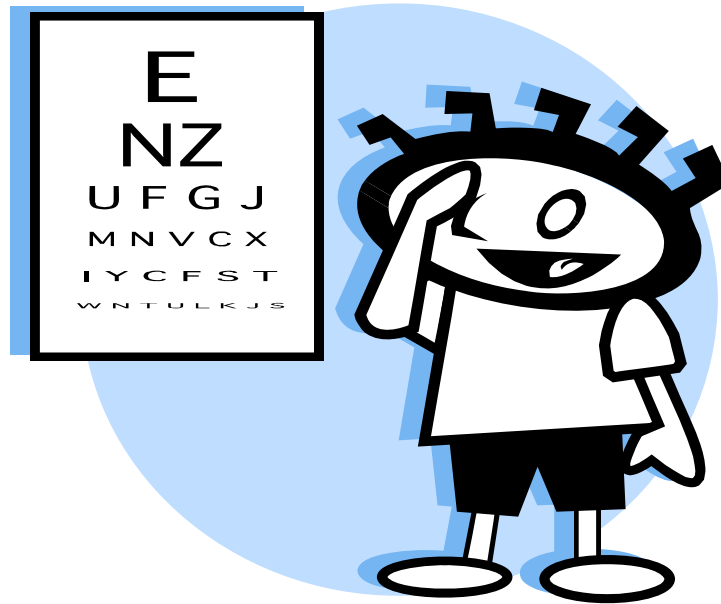
- Identified the 6 most common vision disorders
- A literature review has been completed and a meta-analysis has been compiled to inform evidence-based decision making
- Three comprehensive guidelines reviewed for recommendations and best practices



# Next Steps

- Clarify authority to implement and enforce screening of preschool-age children
- Develop database of stakeholder groups for public comment forums
- Provide a framework for expert work group to development recommendations for rule changes to ensure success
- Develop recommendations
- Provide for cost-benefit analysis and stakeholder input

# Questions?



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